Government Departments Possessing Aircrafts

4059. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the Government departments, ministries, public sector undertakings and autonomous bodies possessing aircrafts;

(b) when they acquired the aircrafts and how much those aircrafts have been flown till date;

(c) the purpose for which the aircrafts were purchased; and

(d) the instances of misuse of those aircrafts noticed by the Government during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[Translation]

Train Accident on Gaya-Kodarma Rail Line

4060. SHRI VIRENDRA KUMAR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of train accidents took place on Gaya-Kodarma line of Eastern Railway during the last three years;

(b) whether the Gaya-Kodarma rail line is more prone to train accidents in comparison to other places;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the total loss suffered by the Railways due to the said accidents;

(e) whether the Government are not paying special attention in this regard;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the accidents are taking place due to the negligence of employees and officers of Railways; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The number of consequential train accidents on Gaya-Kodarma section of Eastern Railway during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 was 4, 2, and 2 respectively.

(b) Part of this is ghat section and such comparisons are not possible.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The approximate cost of damage to railway property on account of these accidents was Rs. 82.94 lakhs.

(e) and (f). Safety is accorded the highest priority on Indian Railways. Railways have been continuously endeavouring to minimise the number of accidents by various preventive and remedial measures. Since it is a ghat section, special monitoring of drivers and trains is done on the section.

(g) and (h). Out of the 8 accidents, 6 were due to lapses of railway staff.

Airport within Kanha National Park in M.P.

4061. SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULESTE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of an airport within Kanha National Park in Bhandla district of Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the time by which the work of construction of airport is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

Registration of Newspapers

4062. DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received for granting registration for various newspapers in Hindi and English from various States during 1996, till date;

(b) the number of applications cleared/pending during the above period;

(c) the time by which the pending cases are likely to be cleared, and

(d) the norms fixed for granting registration?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) The number of applications received for registration of newspapers in Hindi and English during 1996 (upto 13.12.96) was 2805.

(b) Certificate of registration were issued in respect of 1100 applications during the above said period. 1705 applications could not be cleared owing to incomplete information given by the publishers.

(c) Pending cases will be cleared as soon as the publishers submit complete documents required for registration in terms of the Press and Registration of Books Act, 1867 (PRB Act).

(d) Newspapers are registered by the Registrar of Newspapers for India (RNI) under the various provisions of the PRB Act, 1867, as amended form time to time.

The basic norms for registration are verification of the title by RNI, authentication of the declaration of the publisher by the District Magistrate concerned and commencement of publication within the time prescribed in the PRB Act.

Selling of Scrap in Kanpur Zone

4063. SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of scrap sold in Kanpur Division by his Ministry during 1995-96 and the amount received thereform;

(b) whether it is a fact that scrap has been stolen in large quantity from the Railway workshop, Locomotive Engine Repair Shed in Kanpur;

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check the theft of scrap;

(d) whether several tonne of iron has been seized in the raids by the police on the shops of scrap traders; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) During 1995-96 approx. 5200 MTs scrap had been sold in Kanpur area under Allahabad Division and Rs. 3.9 crores received therefrom.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No such incidence has been reported to this Ministry.

(e) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Mining with the Assistance of Public/ Private Sector in Bihar

4064. SHRI SUKDEO PASWAN :
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the quantity of vast mineral deposits found in Bihar has been ascertained;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme for development and mining of these minerals with the assistance of public and private sector which can play an important role in alleviating poverty and unemployment from Bihar;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) to (e). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

New Post Office in U.P.

4065. SHRI SOHANBEER :
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have fixed targets for opening of Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sent any demand in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(e) the time by which the said demand is likely to be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The year-wise targets for opening of Post Offices in Uttar Pradesh are given below :

	EDBOs	DSOs
1995-96	12	16
1996-97	12	16

(b) The allocation of targets is made Postal Circle-wise. The opening of Post Offices and their location depend upon the norm based justification and merits of each case.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Government had sent only one demand for opening of a Post Office in Saifai, District Etawah.

(e) A Departmental Sub-Post Office at Saifai, District Etawah has been sanctioned on 24.11.1996.

Construction Work of Railway Station

4066. SHRI SURESH PRABHU : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have stopped the construction work of Railway station between Rajapur Road and Vaibhav Wadi by leaving the work incomplete;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate funds for the completion of the above station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.